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1. EMBASSY PLEASED THAT DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL), AND ICA HAVE APPARENTLY CONCURRED IN SUGGESTED SCENARIO FOR VISIT OF UGT METALWORKERS TEAM (REFTEL B), AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THIS MISSION'S PROPOSED STEPPED-UP LABOR PROGRAM FOR SPAIN (MADRID 3114). WHILE PROPOSED PROGRAM CONTAINED REFTEL A APPEARS GENERALLY QUITE SATISFACTORY, WE DO HAVE SOME COMMENTS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT MANY OF THE 100 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS WHO WILL ATTEND THE IMF 7H WORLD AUTO CONFERENCE WILL ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL U.S. PROGRAM. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE UGT METALWORKERS PROGRAM CAN MAINTAIN A CERTAIN INDIVIDUALITY FROM SIMILAR POST-CONFERENCE PROGRAMS BEING ARRANGED FOR OTHER VISITORS. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DIFFI-

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CULTIES THIS MAY INVOLVE, BUT SUBMERSION OF UGT PROGRAM IN ANY CONTEMPLATED LARGE GROUP PROGRAMMING WOULD TO CERTAIN EXTENT NULLIFY SPECIAL ATTENTION WE ARE ATTEMPTING GIVE TO SPANISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

3. SOME SPECIFIC PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH UGT TEAM LEADER CARLOS PARDO AS WELL

AS EMBASSY'S OWN VIEWS. INASMUCH AS GROUP IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, TRADE UNION JOURNALISM, COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND LABOR EDUCATION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE THEMES BE WOVEN INTO PROGRAM. IN EDUCATION CATEGORY, VISITS TO GEORGE MEANY CENTER AND AIFLD'S FRONT ROYAL (WHERE GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY OF EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH ANY LATIN AMERICAN TRADE UNIONISTS THAT MIGHT BE PRESENT) ARE RECOMMENDED.

4. PARDO HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION PLANT, INASMUCH AS UGT METALWORKERS HAVE MEMBERS IN MADRID'S CASA (AN INI STATE-OWNED AVIATION PLANT IN WHICH NORTHROP HAS A SMALL MINORITY INTEREST). IN THIS CONNECTION, DOL MAY WISH TO ARRANGE VISIT TO NORTHROP CORPORATION'S AIRCRAFT FACTORY (WHERE WE UNDERSTAND F-5 IS IN PRODUCTION) AT HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA (ADDRESS: 3901 W. BROADWAY, HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA 90250; TEL 213/950-2000), DURING LOS ANGELES STOPOVER.

5. EMBASSY ALSO URGES THAT SOME PLACE BE MADE IN PROGRAM FOR A ONE OR TWO-DAY LAYOVER IN SOME REPRESENTATIVE SMALL CITY -- EITHER IN CALIFORNIA OR MIDWEST -- IN ORDER THAT GROUP MAY BE EXPOSED TO VERY SPECIAL ATMOSPHERE NOT TO BE FOUND IN SUCH LARGE CITIES AS WASHINGTON, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, PITTSBURGH, OR NEW YORK CITY. THIS COULD OF COURSE BE FRUITFULLY COMBINED WITH EXPOSURE TO OPERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF A TYPICAL SMALL UNION LOCAL AND SOME HOME HOSPITALITY.

6. FINALLY, WE WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO FACT THAT CARLOS PARDO IS AMONG THE BEST INFORMED, BALANCED, PRO-U.S.-INCLINED LABOR LEADERS IN THE UGT. FOR THAT REASON, IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE SOLICITING HIS VIEWS ON HOW U.S. CAN BEST ASSIST SPANISH FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, AND EMBASSY URGES THAT HE HAVE OPPORTUNITY MEET PRIVATELY WITH ERNIE LEE AND/OR MIKE BOGGS, AS WELL AS WITH GOOTT (EUR), MCHALE (ICA) AND HOLMES (DOL) -- LATTER THREE PERHAPS JOINTLY FOR CONVENIENCE SAKE. PARDO, INCIDENTALLY, FAVORED INVITING AFL-CIO TO UGT CONGRESS.

7. UGT METALWORKERS TEAM WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER, AS ONLY JOSE MADRID SPEAKS ANY ENGLISH. STABLER

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